

Women's Aid in Reconstruction

Women Are Urged To Help Put Lane Land Bill Through

"Full Soup Tureen Better Than Empty Gold Platter," Says Elisabeth Marbury in Country-Wide Appeal.

In support of Secretary Lane's land settlement bill the various branches of the Women's National Committee for the American Defense Society are sending to the women of America an appeal in which Miss Elisabeth Marbury, president of the committee, says:

"The blowing of sirens, the holding of parades and all the preoccupation and all the preparation for providing an appropriate welcome for our homecoming troops is not in fact as essential at this moment of economic crises as it is to find employment for them."

"We have listened to a great deal of sentiment and we have expressed a great deal of sympathy, yet what has all this led to of any practical nature?"

"It is safe to assume that 90 per cent of the lands who land are infinitely more concerned as to what work they can get and than as to what welcome they will find."

"Let the money, the energy, the time and the oratory from now on be focused on finding them work. How infinitely more to the point and to the purpose it will be! A full soup tureen is better than an empty gold platter."

Also Develops Country

"Now, the one man in our country who seems possessed of vision allied to common sense so far as this problem of employment for the unemployed is concerned is Secretary Lane. His land settlement bill now under consideration is not only a practical measure, but a liberal one for the men who are looking for them, but it serves the further purpose of developing our country while providing for and paying the labor to develop it."

"Road building, river improvement, irrigation planning, recovery of waste land, acquisition of deserted property, all this and more has been embodied in the comprehensive bill inspired by Secretary Lane."

"He is asking for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for construction, a modest sum in face of the billions that have been voted for destruction."

"Every woman who has a home, every woman who wants one, every man and every child in this country who longs for a greater America should realize that employment for the unemployed will never be found through talking, but only through active doing."

Only Welcome That Counts

"Let our soldiers and sailors and marines find on their return the only real welcome which will count with them, namely, that a policy has been reached by which they can be assured an honest living; let the boys who return, perhaps broken in spirit, be encouraged to look forward to the curative power of life in the open; let the men who have been digging trenches begin to dig fields; let the money intended for grandiose band, parade and hunting be devoted to the establishment of efficiency in the labor bureau."

Let us stand, therefore, behind a man so safe and sane as is Secretary Lane and do all in our power to see that his bill is passed and that we shall be glad to furnish information to people interested upon request."

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34 Women Delegates

Elected in Germany

BERLIN, Wednesday, Jan. 22. (By The Associated Press).

The former National Liberal party was the only party which elected no women delegates to the National Assembly.

The Majority Socialists elected 15 women, the Independents 3, the Democrats 3, the Clericals 7 and the Conservatives 4.

Women Protest Against

Naming Male Officers

Discrimination by Board of Education Charged by Federation

The following letter of protest is being widely circulated by the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs:

"I beg to call to your attention the unjust discrimination against the appointment of women attendance officers in the recent appointments made by the Bureau of Attendance of our schools."

"An examination for this position was called by the Municipal Civil Service Commission at the request of the Bureau of Attendance; about 217 women and 230 men passed the examination. The list of names was established and it is found that of the first 24 names on the list 20 are women, of the first 50 names 36 are women. It is also known that the women who are at present serving as attendance officers are not only better qualified than the men, but also more numerous."

"The Bureau of Attendance is composed of the schools to the Bureau of Attendance are those of girls. Since women constitute only 12 per cent of the force, it is evident that most of these girls' cases are investigated by the male attendance officers."

"We have nothing against the male attendance officers so far as their work is concerned. We feel, however, that the women should be given fair representation in this work, especially since they qualified so high."

"The National Service organizations and women's clubs have protested against the discrimination against women and have sent resolutions to that effect to Dr. Davis, director of the Bureau of Attendance, and to the Board of Education and to Mayor Hylan."

"A committee consisting of Mrs. Irving Lehman, representing the Council of Jewish Women, and Mrs. Anna Hochfelder, representing the Federation of Women's Civil Service Organization, American Alliance Civil Service and the Civil Service Committee of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, called upon Dr. Davis yesterday before the Board of Education meeting Wednesday to protest the appointment of forty-three permanent male attendance officers without considering the appointment of some women."

"It appeared, however, that President Somers had already made up his mind to appoint male appointments and nothing was accomplished by the interview."

"It is up to all who believe in fair treatment irrespective of sex, to make a protest against this action and see that a similar discrimination is impossible. Very truly yours,"

"ANNA W. HOCHFELDER, Chairman of Civil Service Committee, New York City Federation of Women's Clubs."

Four Girls Aid Recruiting

Campaign of "Devil Dogs"

The four girls employed in the U. S. Marine office at 24 East Twenty-third Street, who wear the regulation marine uniforms, are helping the campaign for recruits to fill the ranks of the "Devil dogs." Yesterday they posted posters on every bit of available space. The girls are: Private Therese M. Lake, Private Lillian Patterson, Private Mary English and Private Minnette Gaby. All are attractive and well-dressed. They are also well known to the public as they have either a husband, brother or sweetheart in the service.

OTTO IRVING WISE.

Otto Irving Wise, brother of Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Great Synagogue, and of Joseph H. Wise, died yesterday at his home in San Francisco of pneumonia. Mr. Wise was thirty years of age. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1888, when a child. He lived in San Francisco for the last twenty years and was a member of the law firm of Wise & O'Connor and was a partner in the Western State Life Insurance Company. He was a trustee of the Congregation Rodeph Shalom, of this city, which his father, the Rev. Aaron Wise, had been rabbi.

He was married in 1906 to Ethel Rosenthal, of Baltimore, who survives him. Mr. Wise's body will be brought to New York for burial. Rabbi Wise is now on the Atlantic on his way home from France.

HOWARD WHITE

Howard White, widely known in concert and operatic circles, died of pneumonia at his home, 64 Riverside Drive, his wife, Evelyn Scotney, the Australian coloratura soprano, is seriously ill there with influenza.

Mr. White was a son of Dr. William B. White of Providence, R. I., who was the earliest musical work with Glee Club of Brown University, where he graduated in 1902. He studied law at the law school of Pittsburgh University and was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania. After studying at the Boston Opera School he made his debut with the Boston Opera Company. Miss Scotney, who soon became his wife, was singing in the same company. After a concert trip to Australia the Whites returned to New York. This season Mr. White appeared with the Society of American Singers at the Park Theatre. His last appearance was a concert in Providence. The body will be taken to that city for burial.

Army Dance Is Planned

The fourth of the series of dances for Allied officers will be given to-morrow night at the Hotel Vanderbilt, under the patronage of Mrs. Adolf Ludewig, Mrs. Francis C. Bishop, Mrs. Albert Gleaves, Mrs. Melvin Bronson, Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, Mrs. John E. Lewis and Mrs. Frederic Courtland Penfield.

MANHATTAN

Fourth Avenue, cor. 25th Street. Eldridge St. cor. Livingston St. East Houston St. cor. Essex St. Seventh Ave. bet. 46th & 49th Sts. Lexington Ave. cor. 124th St. Grand St. cor. Clinton St. E. 72d St. bet. Lexington & 3 Ave. Eighth Ave. cor. 127th St.

BROOKLYN

Courtland Ave. cor. 148th St.

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Smith St. cor. Livingston St. Graham Ave. cor. Debovoise St. Pitkin Ave. cor. Rockaway Ave.

Plan Galli-Curci Concert

A meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Herbert L. Satterthwaite, 37 East Thirty-sixth Street, on Tuesday to make plans for the Galli-Curci concert to be given February 9 at the Hippodrome for the benefit of Stony Wold Sanatorium. Mrs. Galli-Curci will be accompanied by the Chicago Opera Company orchestra. Among those present at the meeting were Mrs. Hermann M. Riggs, Mrs. William B. Potts, Mrs. Philip Jennings, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mrs. James E. Newcomb, Mrs. Benjamin Stern, Mrs. Charles G. Kerley, Mrs. Frederic Jackson, Mrs. George Talboys, Mrs. Lawrence Gilman and Miss Cora P. Van Wyck.

Employers Request Smith to Withdraw Perkins Nomination

Manufacturers and Merchants Want Representative as Industrial Commissioner to Aid Harmony

ALBANY, Jan. 22.—Feeling that Miss Frances Perkins does not represent the interests of the employer, the Associated Manufacturers and Mechanics of New York State yesterday formally petitioned Governor Smith to withdraw her nomination for State Industrial Commissioner and substitute some person representing the employers.

The letter of the employers, signed by Mark A. Daly, general secretary of the association, says:

"This petition is made in the interests of justice. Your excellency's well known familiarity with the labor and compensation laws has given you the knowledge that the labor laws were enacted for the purpose of safeguarding the lives and health of employees, and that the compensation law was enacted to compensate employees for the loss of course of their employment. The provisions of these laws rests with the industrial Commission."

"Have Gone Further Than Law" The restrictions imposed by the laws on employers, the beneficiaries derived from the laws accrue to employees. The success or failure of the laws is dependent upon the measure of compliance by employers and the measure of cooperation by employees. It is true that compliance can be mandatorily enforced. But we desire to call to your excellency's attention the fact that since the enactment of the laws the majority of employers have not only willingly accepted them, but many employers have gone far beyond the statutes in the attempt to better the conditions of employment. This has been due to the fact that employers and employees have been brought closer together, have been able to understand each other's viewpoint, and for the last three years have brought their problems amicably to a common table, and have mutually agreed to many things upon which it was once thought they never could agree.

"The Industrial Commission, as an equally representative of employer and employee, was the medium through which these annual conferences and agreements were brought about. When it fails to be representative of one side or the other we are inclined to believe that it will not be the same effective agency for promoting the present harmonious relations between employers and employees."

Has Checked Labor Trouble

"It may interest your excellency to know that the results of these pleasant relations are shown by the fact that there has been less labor difficulty in New York State, the largest industrial state of the Union, than in any other industrial state, and that during the period of the war, when business was pressed to its utmost by demands for increased production, and consequently worked at a high speed, the accident ratio in industry, according to the figures of the Industrial Commission, shows a surprisingly remarkable and gratifying decrease."

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Miss Darlington Will Be Naval Officer's Bride

Her Father Will Officiate at Ceremony in Harrisburg, Pa.; Wedding Party Named

Miss Eleanor Townsend Darlington, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. James Henry Darlington, will be married to Lieutenant Joel Ellis Fisher, jr., U. S. N., February 1, in St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Penn. The bride will be accompanied by her brother, Gilbert S. V. Darlington, who has just received his discharge as chaplain from the United States Navy, and the ceremony will be performed by her father. She will be attended by her sister, Miss Kate B. Darlington, as maid of honor; Mrs. James Lenox Banks, jr., sister of the bridegroom; Miss Ceramie Banks, Miss Gertrude Mall and Miss Elizabeth Thompson. Lieutenant James Lenox Banks, jr., will serve as best man.

Manager Denies Rumor

That McCormack Is Ill

Charles L. Wagner, manager for John McCormack, and the famous tenor's wife have been deluged with letters and telegrams of inquiry as the result of an erroneous report that Mr. McCormack is ill with influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Wagner made the following announcement yesterday:

"Mr. McCormack is in excellent condition, and is touring the country, Nebraska and Missouri. Last week, on account of a slight cold, he postponed a concert in Scranton. A correspondent magnified this."

Luncheon for Miss Keogh

Mrs. Martin J. Keogh gave a luncheon yesterday at the Colony Club for her debutante daughter, Miss Katherine E. Keogh. The guests included Mrs. C. Lane Poor, Mrs. Thomas Robins, jr., Miss Katherine Mackay, Miss Grace Vanderbilt, Miss Eunice James, Miss Edith Pratt, Miss Isabelle Taylor, Miss Priscilla Taylor, Miss Sheila Byrne, Miss Evelyn Preston, Miss Katherine Van Ingen, Miss Margaret Emmet, Miss Margaret March, Miss Eleanor King, Miss Mary Case, Miss Louise Harkness, Miss Jean Fletcher, Miss Rosemund Sherwood, Miss Adrienne Iselin, Miss Flora Whitney, Miss Betty Jackson, Miss Lucy Patterson, Miss Helen Lee, Miss Mary Lorillard, Miss Audrey Riker, Miss Alice Warren, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Martha Lambert, Miss Nina Ryan, Miss Alice Thayer and Miss Olive Gwatney.

Public Works Boom Urged To Give Jobs To Returned Troops

Secretary of Labor Wilson Asks Cities and States to Hasten All Improvements Delayed During War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Public works of all kinds that will give employment to thousands of returned army and from the war industries should be put under way at once as a reconstruction measure, according to Secretary of Labor William D. Wilson, who, in a statement outlining his views on this subject, points out that not only will the transition from wartime conditions to a peace basis be facilitated thereby, but that a work of great permanent value to the nation will be accomplished.

States, cities, towns, in fact all governmental divisions, ought now, he believes, to make up for the reconstruction due to the war. The government's obligation to provide employment for the returning soldiers and the necessity for many forms of improvement in municipal and state equipment rendered such a programme essential at this time, he holds.

Wages to Stay High The Secretary's statement follows: "I am of the opinion that from the time we restore ourselves to our normal post-war activities, the demand for peace-time production will be so great that there will not be the remotest possibility of securing any reduction in the wage rate from their wartime level. I feel, further, that the manufacturer who fails to take into consideration the prospects of the future and who, in a hope of securing a cheaper labor or cheaper raw material, fails to build up his organization and maintain it during the possibly brief period of readjustment, will be handicapped in securing his share of the business afterward, because he will be handicapped through lack of working forces in his factory."

Therefore, he says, it is not a situation to be met by the taking care of the possible problem in the interim between our ceasing war activities and the time when we have assumed our normal post-war activities.

Don't Want Old Jobs

"About 60 per cent of the soldiers who are to stay here. Ninety per cent of the men who have been in service could get their old jobs back if they want them, but I venture to say that not half of them will. The reasons for this are many. First, the workers that have jobs are more workers than there are jobs. Second, the rapid closing of the war industries has helped produce the labor surplus. Third, the government has done everything possible to overcome this, by closing factories gradually."

"About 12,000,000 wage-earners are involved in this great transition. 8,000,000 who were engaged in war industries. This represents 10 per cent of our population, or about 40 per cent of the adult wage earners of the country. It is the greatest economic change this country has ever known."

"There is this hope—the United States on a normal production basis is short of labor. There probably will be no immigration for the next four years, which means a shortage of 1,000,000 workers a year from this source."

Foresees Great Prosperity

"This country will be called upon to manufacture foods and other products for all Europe. In six months when peace conditions prevail we ought to enter upon a period of soaring prosperity. But the unemployment problem during the intervening six months will be serious."

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Call Mass Meeting

Five hundred unemployed men met at People's House, 7 East Fifteenth Street, yesterday and, after drafting a demand that Governor Smith and Mayor Hylan do something to help the unemployed, issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at Madison Square to-morrow.

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Want Food and Clothes

"We assert that it is just as important to feed and clothe the army of the unemployed as to feed and clothe our military and naval organizations."

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Dock Work in Brooklyn

Too Heavy for Women

WOMEN employed as stevedores and truckers along the docks of the Brooklyn water front were not a success, according to the New York Dock Company. The work was too heavy, and, although they did their best and satisfactorily filled a war need, they either have been discharged or voluntarily have given up the work.

Seventeen, however, remain in the company's employ, and it is their duty to keep careful tabs on the amount of work done by the men.

Many of the women employees used during the war as dock hands have been transferred to other branches of work in the company.

40,000 Service Men Seeking Jobs in City

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peddling "Welcome Home to Our Soldier Boys" signs.

"We have no actual figures on the number of unemployed in New York," said Dr. Kirchwey. "But unemployment is more pronounced here than anywhere else. An indication is furnished by figures that come from Buffalo. There the number of unemployed last week was estimated at 15,000 as compared to about 8,000 the previous week."

"The reasons are apparent. Men are out on strikes in some instances. Some of the trades, particularly the building and clothing trades have not resumed business on a normal scale."

"The military authorities have decided to demobilize soldiers and sailors at their place of disembarkation. Instead of railroad tickets to the men's home towns the money equivalent is given. The result is that the men stay here and spend their money."

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"Our first effort will be to induce those out of town to go home. A crowd of them recently joined the radicals, thinking that they thus might obtain relief. It was just this very thing to keep them away from Bolshevism."

"We have been consulting with members of the Civic Federation with a view of getting some big business men back of us to take hold of the situation."

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